

Arab summit on 'Palestine' due in March

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Bus fares to rise 5% by month's end

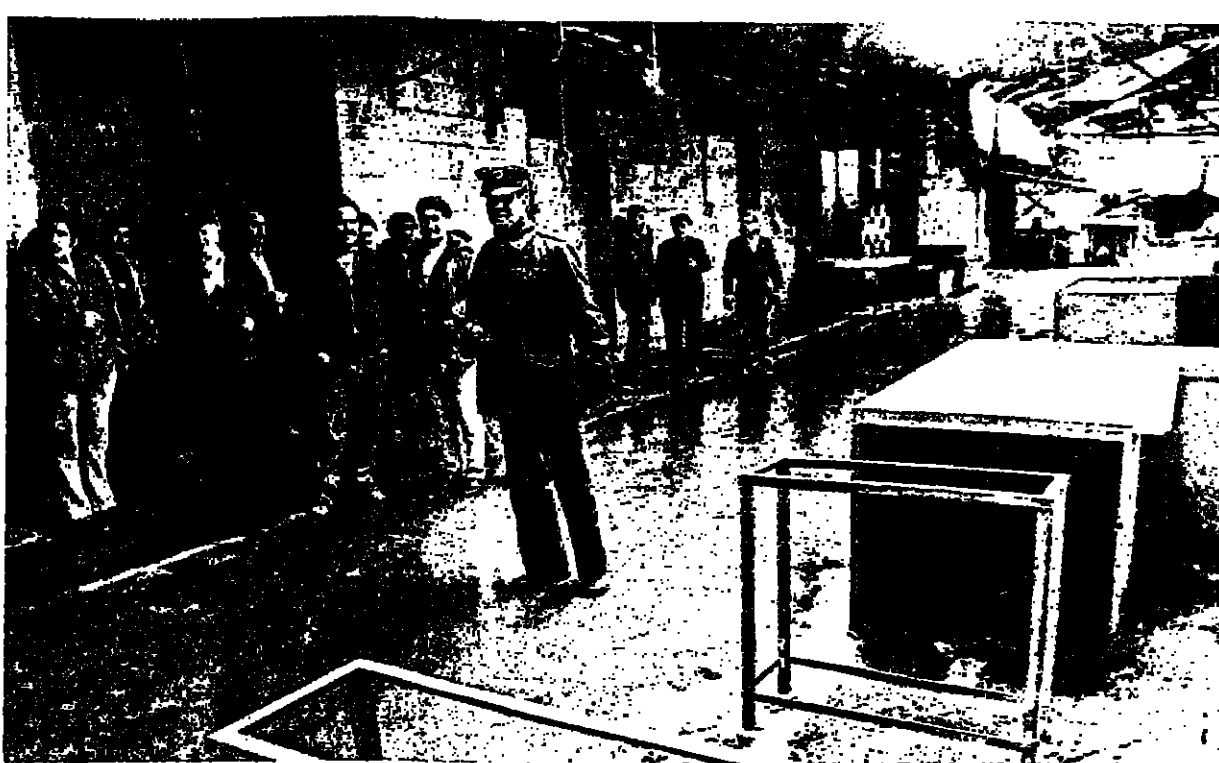
The wages of Egged members will change only in line with the wage agreement signed between the Government and the Histadrut.

The decision was taken by majority vote. Ministers Shimon Peres and Moshe Baran opposed the increase in fares.

Crisis in French-Israeli relations, Allon tells Cabinet

Jerusalem Post Reporter: The crisis in French-Israeli relations is in a state of crisis.

wherever it rears its head. It is the government's duty to mount and maintain constant activity against terrorism in order to forestall possible attacks in Israel and on Israeli and Jewish targets abroad.



Idle greengrocers at Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market watch policeman in the deserted main street yesterday, as vegetable vendors went on strike for a week.

Outdoor markets strike total But Haifa reopening tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Staff: The country's main retail fruit-and-vegetable markets were deserted yesterday as greengrocers — protesting against the new requirement to maintain books of account — kept their stalls closed.

"Besides," he added, "a great many greengrocers are, unfortunately, semi-literate people. So how reliable can their bookkeeping really be?"

On Wednesday the Knesset is scheduled to consider a Likud-backed private member's bill which would exempt retail food establishments from maintaining books. Instead, Value Added Tax, where applicable, would be calculated on the basis of sales reports furnished by wholesalers.

CAIRO. — Arab heads of state will meet in March to discuss the creation of a Palestinian state in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, Tunisian Foreign Minister Habib Chatti said yesterday.

which could create a "Palestinian authority" in Gaza and the West Bank. Arab League secretary-general Mahmoud Riad said the foreign ministers ended their two days of talks here with agreement on closer political and economic cooperation with African states.

Sadat wants to deal with 'stronger' Israel Premier

By WOLF BLITZER, Jerusalem Post Correspondent: WASHINGTON. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat says that Prime Minister Rabin is "weak" and that he would prefer dealing with a stronger Israeli leader.

Palestinian state on the West Bank, the "Telegraph" said. "As regards guarantees for Israel, I am ready to accept absolutely any arrangement that Israel wants — bilateral, international, anything. Even after a settlement Israel wanted to sign a military defence pact with the United States. I would not oppose this — though I would also not copy it, with America or anyone else."

Israel warning of Arab reprisal to Entebbe affair

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent: The "Sunday Times" conception of the Entebbe affair has highlighted no way resembles British, French and West German views of the many Arab terrorist plans for the Lower Middle East.

Daoud in his Algerian hideout, where he denied being involved in the 1972 massacre of the 11 Israeli athletes. He said, "I am a revolutionary not a terrorist. I do not hate Jews because I was living with them in Palestine when a child. But as an Arab I do hate the Zionists who contaminate the world with their racist mentality."

Campaign to rehabilitate Teng moves to Shanghai; his return seen imminent

SHANGHAI. — A campaign to rehabilitate the purged moderate leader Teng Hsiao-ping yesterday spilled on to the streets of Shanghai, China's biggest city and until recently the stronghold of his radical enemies.

He said the city's 10 million people "did not follow their evil intention" and opposed articles in the leftist-controlled press attacking Teng. The criticism was distorted by Madame Mao and her leftist followers and enemies, he said.

city's one million civilian militiamen to grab power. But they were thwarted just in time and "not a bullet was fired nor a drop of blood spilled," he said.

Mapam c'tee: Choice of Peres would end Alignment

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter: AVIV. — Mapam's Political Committee yesterday recommended Ben-Gurion's eight-year-old Alignment with the Labour Party if the nominees Shimon Peres for re-nomination or fails to declare readiness to cede territory in Judea and Samaria.

scilities in living with that," he noted. The second Mapam ultimatum was that Labour state that Israel is ready to cede territory on all three fronts, including in Judea and Samaria.

'Imperialist coup' fails in W.Africa's Benin state

NIAMEY, NIGER. — "Imperialist mercenaries" who attacked Cotonou, the capital of Benin (formerly Dahomey), at dawn yesterday were "routed" and "in flight," the West African country's radio said later in the day.

which has a bureau in Cotonou, also reported that there had been firing in Cotonou and near the airport. Radio appeals were made by doctors and nurses to report to hospitals but there were no reports on the number of casualties, if any.

The intruders, sent by an unnamed "imperialist" country, had landed at Cotonou airport during the night, a radio broadcast said.

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# MK decries impending muster of Bat Yam mayor

By SARAH HONIG Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The impending muster of Bat Yam's mayor may be taken by the Knesset in the coming week, according to the chairman of Knesset Interior Committee, Am Aridor (Likud).

Aridor and fellow Likud MK Yosef Yitzhak Walker appeared at a press conference yesterday to denounce the mayor's move. Walker described the move as an act of "treason" — the defection of a council member from one party to another, in this case, from the NRP to the Likud. He expressed his disapproval of the move, for the purpose of receiving a reward.

Aridor noted that the Likud and Alignment are both signatories to a 1963 agreement whereby neither would be a party to a "political deal." (The term is used to describe a deal between a council member and a party, in which the member agrees to support the party in return for a reward.)

On Friday the local council members were to vote on the NRP's proposal to appoint a new mayor. The council members are to be divided into two groups, one for the city and one for the surrounding area. The council members are to be divided into two groups, one for the city and one for the surrounding area. The council members are to be divided into two groups, one for the city and one for the surrounding area.

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# Envoy to Norway apologized

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's ambassador to Oslo on Saturday night, Ofotad, said he had no intention of meeting Rivlin. "I am not willing to meet the Israeli ambassador to discuss his statements about my allegedly pro-Palestinian feelings. It would serve no useful purpose to continue this quarrel," he said.

Ofotad said he had assured the chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Knesset before departing from Israel that Rivlin's criticism of him had in no way affected his sympathetic feelings towards the people of Israel.

Aridor said he would request that the Israeli Government recall Rivlin. Ofotad said this was a matter the Israeli authorities would have to decide for themselves.

The "Verdens Gang" said in a report from Jerusalem that there was "reason to believe there will be a change of Israel's ambassador in Oslo in the near future." (Reuters)

# Labour den investigat illegal fund

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A Labour spokesman yesterday said that senior party members were being investigated for alleged involvement in an illegal fund.

The spokesman said that the investigation was being conducted by the police and the Labour Party's internal disciplinary committee.

# Shatta Prison murder hearing ends in uproar

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Most of the Shatta Prison inmates charged with the murder of fellow inmate Yafet Nagar denied the charges in the District Court yesterday. The hearing began in an orderly fashion but it ended with more disturbances.

A month ago, when the 16 were brought to court to be charged, they fought with the police for six hours and managed to prevent the court from holding its session. They were subsequently brought to court in chains and charged on December 24.

Yesterday, 11 of them denied the charges. The others entered no plea, claiming that the charge sheet was illegible; that they had not been given adequate opportunity to meet with counsel or that they required psychiatric examinations.

The three-judge panel ordered the prisoners' shackles be removed, a decision they greeted with cheers. As they answered the charges, the prisoners complained that jail conditions hampered them in preparing their defence, and that they were not being permitted visits by relatives.

Two of the accused, Aharon Biton and Yitzhak Meshali, asked for psychiatric examinations. Biton said he was schizophrenic, and Meshali said he had swallowed a fork and was coughing up blood frequently. Two others, Maurice Lugal and Yitzhak Rabatzi, claimed they had not been in the prison at the time of the murder, last June.

It was Sami Elkayam, one of the key suspects, who claimed the charge sheet was illegible and asked for a new one to be prepared before he entered a plea.

One of the defence lawyers, defending Ben-Ner Arabi, told the court the prison authorities had not replied to a written application he had made to meet with his client. Arabi said he had not been permitted to write to his lawyer, and he could not enter a plea until he and the counsel could go over the charges.

After a short recess, the accused once more began to voice demands that their relatives, waiting outside for lack of courtroom space, be permitted to come in. Sami Elkayam began to shout and was ordered removed from the courtroom, followed by four other prisoners.

Judge Theodore Orr then read the court's decision granting the requests for psychiatric examinations and ordering the prison authorities to permit defence counsel to meet with the accused and prepare their pleas and defence. The next hearing was set for February 20.



A patient lies on an examining table, about to be "X-rayed" by the EMI brain scanner at Hadassah Hospital. The scanner, rotating while the patient lies still, transmits its information to a computer which gives the physician a TV picture of a cross-section of the brain. (Hazan)

# New brain scanner makes patients' lives easier

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The same people who brought you the Beatles have made it a bit easier for Jerusalem's neurosurgery patients — and their physicians.

The firm, EMI — better known as a recording company — is the producer of a brain scanner dedicated at Hadassah Hospital in the Capital yesterday, Dr. Fred Ziv, head of the neurology department, said he has already been deluged with requests from all over the country to use the scanner, the only one of its kind in the country.

Dr. Ziv said the machine, which is linked to a computer, projects eight cross-sections of the brain onto a TV screen. It emits the same amount of radiation as a conventional X-ray unit but, according to the manufacturer, it is 100 times more sensitive.

If the operator wishes to, he can pinpoint one section and view it more extensively. In contrast to other types of brain X-ray, the patient need not be hospitalized and need suffer no discomfort (such as probing needles). This should incidentally result in great savings in hospitalization costs, he noted.

During the two-week running-in period, 64 patients have been examined. Dr. Ziv hopes to bring the number of examinations up to 40-50 a week. However, he stressed that the scanner could not serve the needs of the entire country. He hopes that other hospitals will buy similar scanners.

# Israel Katz joins Yadin; was a Rafi supporter

By MARSHA POMERANTZ Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Israel Katz, who coordinated the Prime Minister's Committee on Disadvantaged Youth and has long supported guaranteed income and a liberal social welfare policy, yesterday told The Jerusalem Post he had decided to support Yigael Yadin's Democratic Movement for Change. He will announce details at a press conference on Tuesday.

Katz, who has been a member of the Labour Party Central Committee and supported the Rafi faction, recently condemned the party for relegating social services for the poor to a junior member of the Cabinet and making "the NRP the scapegoat, shunning responsibility and accountability."

In an interview with The Post last month, he said he was studying Yadin's economic as well as social policy, and would support him if he found that Yadin was "really committed to domestic issues."

Another newcomer to the Democratic Movement for Change is Atashi Zeldan, the young Druse journalist who served as Israel consul in New York. He announced his resignation from the Labour Party over the weekend.

His move came as a surprise as, until a few days ago, he was fighting for a safe seat on the Labour list as a representative of the Druse younger generation. He told The Post yesterday that he had found it impossible to get a hearing for the young Druse in the Labour Party and that their demand for a safe seat for him had been put off until after the party convention. He said he also had the impression that the Druse community wanted change, and he preferred change to a la Yigael Yadin to the direction of the Rakah Communists.

# Scheps chief curator at T.A. Museum

Post Art Editor

Marc Scheps, a 44-year-old sculptor turned museum curator, has taken over at the Tel Aviv Museum as director and chief curator. He replaces Haim Gamzu, who has retired.

Scheps has just returned from a tour of Europe on behalf of the museum. Born in Basel, Scheps studied painting, sculpture and art history at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Geneva before settling in Israel in 1954, when he joined Kibbutz Gevulot. In 1960 he exhibited his sculptures in Paris, where he began contributing to art journals while acquainting himself with the European avant garde.

In 1970 he was invited by Dr. Gamzu to join the planning team of the new Tel Aviv Museum. In 1973 he became a curator at the Israel Museum, acting as art adviser to the Municipality of Jerusalem. Since then he has also served as the art editor of "Ariel" and on the Arts Council of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Scheps is expected to introduce a lively new era at the museum, which has been somewhat in the doldrums of late, Dr. Gamzu having been in poor health. Scheps is married and has two sons.

# Woman elected at Technion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Ariella Gornstein, a food technology undergraduate at the Technion, has been elected vice-chairman of its Students' Union. Gornstein, 22, is the first woman to occupy a major post in student affairs at the Technion. She beat three male candidates for the post.

Women make up 16.7 per cent of the 6,300 undergraduates at the Technion and in some faculties form the majority. These include mathematics, physics and chemistry. There is also a high proportion of women in architecture and food technology.

The post of vice-chairman of the union carries a monthly salary of about IL1,000.

Students at Tel Aviv University go to the polls tomorrow to elect the 70-member council which governs their student union. There are 153 candidates.

# Electronics exports double

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Metal and electronic exports have almost doubled in the past three years. Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev told the Cabinet yesterday during a review of his Ministry's activities.

He said overseas sales by those two sectors, which accounted for 12 per cent of Israel's total industrial exports in 1973, had reached the 23.1 per cent point last year.

Another strong branch was chemicals, rubber goods and plastics, which last year constituted 14.8 per cent of all industrial exports, compared with 9.4 per cent in 1973.

According to Bar-Lev, industrial output is constantly on the rise, and in 1976 increased by about 7 per cent — to IL70,000m. While metals and electronics were gaining, textiles and food were becoming less significant, he added.

As for employment, he noted that 6,000 more workers had joined industry's ranks during 1976, and the total industrial work force now stands at approximately 298,000.

# Court admits statements by Janssen

TEL AVIV. — The District Court here decided yesterday to admit as evidence the statements made by Ludvina Janssen during her interrogation about a plot to carry out terrorist activity against Israel.

The three-judge panel said the statements were not made under duress, as her lawyers claimed.

Janssen was arrested in September when she came to Israel, allegedly to examine security arrangements at Ben-Gurion Airport in preparation for a terrorist attack.

According to three statements she made to the police, and a written statement in her own hand, she had been a member of a Dutch group called the "Red Storm", which was linked to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and to the Baader-Meinhof gang.

The group sent her to be trained by the PFLP in Aden, and she was later sent to study the security arrangements in Ben-Gurion Airport. As part of her statement to the police, she identified from pictures several Arab terrorists with whom she had trained, including those who attacked passengers in Istanbul's airport last year. (ITIM)

SEVEN CAFES in Tel Aviv's Kikar Atarim have been closed down for a month because their owners opened them without first obtaining licences. A Rehov Hayaron restaurant and two groceries, one in Kikar Shalom and the other in Tel Aviv's Rehov Nahalat Yitzhak, have had 30-day closures imposed on them for unhygienic conditions and for lacking licences.

A GROUP OF Turkish farmers arrived on Friday for a week's agriculture study tour.

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# One-time spy Shlomo Amir dies, aged 53

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Shlomo Amir, a man whose life was fraught with vengeance by Jordanian intelligence and who managed to live in Jerusalem with his family in near anonymity, died last week of a heart attack, aged 53.

Amir was a successful intelligence agent who spent many years in Jordan, had been sentenced to death in Amman, and escaped several attempts on his life later, while living in Israel. He was born Ahmed Zuh, in Colombia, the Roman (and later) Arab village which stood where Lower Motza is today.

No one connected with Israel's security services is prepared to reveal the nature of Amir's operations across the border, but when he escaped from Jordanian intelligence and returned to live in Israel, the Defence Ministry provided him with the petrol station near Abu Ghosh for his livelihood.

He, his Nabulus-born wife Lea and their children then converted to Judaism and made their home in Jerusalem's German Colony. Amir operated the petrol station and a restaurant successfully until the Abu Ghosh by-pass along the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway opened, leaving the station off the beaten track. Shortly afterwards he suffered his first heart attack, and leased the station out.

Shlomo Amir suffered his second heart attack last week, and entered Hadassah Hospital. He died before doctors could operate on him and was buried on Friday on Har Hamenuchot.

One of the people who worked with him in the intelligence services remarked that when publication of his story is permitted — if ever — it will read like a best-selling spy thriller.

He is survived by his wife, three sons (one of whom is serving in the army) and a young daughter.

# Fewer die on roads

The number of deaths in traffic accidents was down for the second successive year in 1976, to stand at 608. The decline began in 1975, when the number of people who were killed in accidents dropped from the 1974 total of 716 to 641. Half of last year's dead were pedestrians.

The number of accidents in which at least one person was injured went up by 1 per cent last year to 14,500.



es which had been covered by a road built during the 1948-49 war are now being restored in the Kidron Valley. At top is the southeast corner of the Old City wall. Just below the wall is Absalom's memorial. (Eliahu Harazi)

# Gulls threaten planes at Ben-Gurion

By ZE'EV SCHUL Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Thousands of black-headed gulls wheeling over the garbage dump constitute a threat to the airlines which fly in and out of Ben-Gurion.

It is only a question of time. Some officials are bound to happen or later," deputy airport director Ze'ev Schuchman told The Jerusalem Post here yesterday.

Dr. Heinrich Mendelssohn, head of Tel Aviv University Zoology Department, concurs. Mendelssohn said that several years ago a jetliner crashed in the area after flying into a flock of gulls, killing all six persons aboard.

Mendelssohn said that use of the area should be discontinued immediately. He added that, since 1967, frequently have been sucked into jet engines at Ben-Gurion, or shortly after take-off or just before landing — although no deaths or injuries occurred.

Gulls, he said, are particularly dangerous after take-off, when a jet is fully loaded and requires maximum engine power. A sudden stoppage, caused by large numbers of birds drawn into all the engines, could have disastrous consequences.

At Ben-Gurion have been many deaths of birds, but it cost IL1.25m. to repair engine damaged after one recent mishap with birds.

Department of 700 tons of liquorice purchased in Iran by the Israeli Fertilizers Company, arrived here through the Suez in a Greek freighter. The cargo is used for the manufacture of a special extract for the cigarette, and candy industries.

ERNEST FREUDENTHAL, for-general of Kupaat Holim, died for the past 85 years, is to be buried in 1933, was one of the founders of the Maccabi sick fund in Tel Aviv.

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# 160 Australians coming to Maccabiah

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Australia is sending a team of 160 sportsmen to this summer's 10th Maccabiah, exactly double the number which participated in the 1973 games. Australian Maccabi Federation president Lou Rose told The Jerusalem Post over the weekend.

The athletes from Down-Under — who will comprise one of the largest of the 38 overseas contingents at the games — will compete in 15 of the 23 sports being contested, which will for the first time include soccer.

Rose said. He was a delegate at last week's meeting of the International Maccabiah Games Committee in Ramat Gan.

No mention was made of Rhodesia in the communiqué issued by the committee at the end of its meeting.

However, The Post understands that any decision about Rhodesia's position in the Maccabiah is being delayed in view of developments there. At the last two games, the Rhodesian contingent was not allowed to march behind its own national flag, and displayed a "Rhodesia Maccabi" banner instead.

The organizing committee of the 10th Maccabiah is planning to hold several international conferences within the framework of the July games. Two of these will be on "Sports Medicine" and "Law in Sport," while a third will be for Jewish physical education instructors. The conferences will take place in Tel Aviv and Haifa, during the Maccabiah.

Bridge and chess tournaments are also to be held as special events within the framework of the Maccabiah.

## New chess season opens with record participation

By ELIAHU SHARAF

Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent TEL AVIV. — The 1977 chess league games opened on Saturday with a record 148 teams and 1,900 players. In the first division (national league) Petah Tikva Hapoel held league champion's Tel Aviv University to a 3-3 draw. On the top board, Avram Kishon of Petah Tikva beat International Master Avraham Kaidor. The Beersheba club, making

its debut in the upper league, defeated Tel Aviv Youth Centre 4-2; but veteran International Master Moshe Cerniak beat Beersheba's Leon Lederman on the top board. The Technion, 1976 league champions, scored a clean 6-0 victory over Tel Aviv Lasker. Haifa Youth, the other newcomer to the national league, is leading 3-2 against Rishon LeZion Feldkline with one game adjourned.

The third Haifa team, the local Lasker club, is leading 3-2 against Bat Yam Hapoel. On the upper board, Boris Goshin, a newcomer from the Soviet Union, beat International Master Yacov Bleiman. Ramat Gan Hapoel defeated Jerusalem Hapoel 4-1-1.

## 15 painters refused visas to Israel

VIENNA. — Soviet Jewish painter Alexander Glaser said on Friday that a group of about 15 Jewish painters wants to leave the Soviet Union and emigrate to Israel.

"They applied for visas but their requests were turned down," he said.

Glaser, who emigrated to the West two years ago and set up a museum of "Russian art in exile" near Paris, said that an unofficial exhibition of Soviet underground art will open Tuesday in a Leningrad apartment. (JTA)

TITO. — Yugoslav President Tito will begin a three-day visit to Libya tomorrow for talks with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi. It was announced yesterday in Belgrade.

CHILE. — Chilean President Augusto Pinochet has sailed aboard a Chilean navy ship to an area of Antarctica claimed by both Argentina and Chile, and may visit the South Pole.

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## Slogans or policy?

THERE SEEMS TO BE a trifle more than meets the eye to the joint communiqué put out by President Sadat and King Hussein, at the end of their meeting in Aswan on Saturday.

On the face of it, the most notable feature of the statement is the joint call for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state — presumably in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, although this is not specified. The championship of Palestinian independence has, of course, been settled Egyptian policy for some time now. But this is the first occasion on which the Hashemite monarch lends his personal endorsement to it.

Having been made, however, the endorsement is somewhat qualified. King Hussein, we are told, welcomed a proposal by President Sadat — in an interview with the "Washington Post," apparently — that the future Palestinian state should be firmly linked to Jordan. Yet thereby, again, hangs a reservation. The precise nature of the link should be freely decided by the Palestinians and the Jordanians.

The position of the PLO in the future state is left largely to the imagination. Recognition is granted to the right of the PLO to participate in a reconvened Geneva conference on the same footing as the other parties. But there appears to be no reference to the PLO being, in the language of Rabat, the sole legitimate representative of the people of Palestine.

With such verbal obfuscation, there is room for more than one view of what it is that Sadat and Hussein actually agreed upon in Aswan. On one view, the King of Jordan was talking into forming a united front with Egypt (and Syria), based on his renunciation in principle of any claim to the West Bank. On another view, the two Arab leaders reached an understanding on the use of the slogan of Palestinian statehood as the best means of furthering their own national aims.

If the first view is accepted, it still must be squared with the sentiments aired by Hebron mayor, Sheikh Ali Ja'abari, supposedly in the name of King Hussein, upon return from a much touted visit to Amman. The PLO has its place, said the Sheikh, but the people of the West Bank are themselves entitled to self-determination; and the Jericho resolution (for the annexation of the West Bank to Jordan) takes precedence over the decision in Rabat.

Could it be that the venerable Sheikh misinterpreted what had been told to him by King Hussein? Or is it rather that the King assumed — and was later assured by President Sadat — that he could afford to speak of free choice because the Palestinians, on both sides of the Jordan, would in fact "want" only that which Amman (and Cairo) thought best for them?

On the second view, then, the process of the PLO's dethronement has not been halted, and perhaps accelerated, by the Aswan agreement. But that is not enough to mark it as a contribution to the cause of peace. For the whole idea of introducing a Palestinian state into a plan for Middle East settlement — and of the PLO into the Geneva conference — is to overturn the international consensus enshrined in resolutions 242 and 338.

A Palestinian state, whatever its eventual linkage to Jordan, is tailor-made to deny Israel its rights to secure and recognized boundaries, and to a relationship of good-neighbourliness with the Arabs of the administered territories. It is therefore wholly and completely inadmissible, and it rules out any possibility of a territorial trade-off by Israel.

## The tides of progress

THE SHUTDOWN of stallholders in the fruit and vegetable markets, against the tax authority's instruction to keep books, is reminiscent of the legendary King Canute's command to the sea-tides that they stand still and not overlap his throne.

The tax system has got to work properly. It must not go on burdening some and not others. The only way it can work properly is if everybody keeps a record of his financial transactions. This is a necessity that cannot be evaded, in a highly organized and increasingly technological society.

The excuse that the whole thing is too complicated for the untutored shopkeeper will not wash. The leader of the small merchants in Jerusalem, Avraham Birnbaum, tried that tag; his argument was rejected by the courts.

The Treasury has made the procedure as easy as it can. All a man has to do, apart from keeping the invoices and receipts of his suppliers, is to press the keys of a cash register. Its "memory" will cope with the rest.

We are, after all, in the last quarter of the 20th Century. There is no point in sulking or stamping one's foot. The tides of progress, like the tides of the sea, cannot be halted. Stallholders should thank their lucky stars that, for some inexplicable reason, they are exempt from the obligation that applies to all other sectors, of paying the value added tax.

Keeping books is not difficult when you get the habit; it even turns out to be convenient in unexpected ways. Its only disadvantage (if it can be called a disadvantage) is that you discover, perhaps for the first time, just how much income tax you ought to be paying.

## ISRAEL PRESS

### Closing the Arab ranks

DAVAR (Hastadrut): "The efforts of Sadat and Hussein to close the Arab ranks for joint pressure on the U.S. and to have the Geneva conference resumed are progressing successfully. Sadat scored an important point in the joint statement, endorsed by King Hussein, affirming Jordanian acceptance of the principle of a Palestinian state, together with willingness to participate in Geneva and to recognize the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians. The reference to a formal link between the new state

and Jordan was not to be taken as a binding condition for Jordanian agreement, as Fahmi pointed out. "It is now clear that Sadat has systematically achieved step-by-step progress towards formation of a joint Arab policy to be presented to President Carter immediately upon his assumption of office, together with the demand for resumption of Geneva."

"Israel should now prepare its reply to the Arab position as expressed in the joint statement, the main point of which is the demand for a Palestinian state not necessarily linked with Jordan."

IN A RECENT conversation about Israel's Corporation, I heard the problems raised in connection with dubious investments by Vaduz companies, a senior official clearly expressed a philosophy which must be taken as a reflection of a governmental attitude. While admitting that investments by anonymous companies should not be accepted, this official said that as long as the individual behind such companies is known and honourable, investments from them are welcome to the State of Israel.

Many of the investors from abroad are indeed respectable persons, and they come to Israel with good money and even better motives.

We do and should welcome them with open arms.

It appears, however, that Israeli officials do not stop there. When a "good Jew," a sympathizer with Israel, comes and says, "Look, I have a million dollars which I would be willing to invest in Israel, but unhappily the money is 'black' — are you interested, and how should I go about investing it?" — they may even advise him to register a company in Liechtenstein, so that the nominal investor will be a proper corporate entity.

Or, since Vaduz nowadays has negative connotations, they may advise him to register his company in Luxembourg, which sounds more respectable. As long as it is known that the individual concerned is a "good Jew" and really wants to invest in Israel, the matter ends there. We would have gone only a step or two further than other countries which provide a haven for black money — money which originates in tax fraud and possibly worse. After all, the honest Swiss have been doing that — or nearly that — for a very long time, and nobody thinks any the worse of them for it. Should hard-pressed Israel be more catholic than the pope and less Swiss than the Swiss?

But there is a difference. The Swiss, the Liechtensteins, the Monacos and the Luxembourgs do indeed provide flags of convenience for money which cannot otherwise sail the open seas. They rent safety-deposit boxes and

# Fraud has no nationality

It is one thing to let Jews from abroad invest their sometime dubious money in Israel; it is

another thing, says MEIR MERHAV, to put them on a social pedestal.

never ask questions nor answer them. They do not ask people to involve themselves in the building of their countries, nor do they encourage the clients of their banks to go into partnerships with their own businessmen and industrialists. They hold no conferences with them. Least of all do they attach any sentimental or patriotic value to such transactions. They help people to hide or launder their money, they take a price for their services, and keep strictly aloof.

IN ISRAEL, we do things differently. We are ready to accept with open arms not only the money but also, almost automatically, the man who brings it. Almost immediately upon the deposit of a first measly \$200,000, we may see our new foreign investor — whose money may have obscure origins, possibly in tax fraud elsewhere — at the cocktail parties of those who count. We see them at officially-sponsored conventions, where people consider ways and

means of saving our country and promoting our cause. We see them hobnobbing with ministers. We see them creating partnerships with our own Israeli businessmen — those whom we are trying so hard to induce to keep proper books and to pay taxes honestly.

What we do, in short, is elevate tax-evaders and the tax-evaders from other countries into the peerage of our economic, financial and social leadership. We assume, naively and not cynically, one hopes — that a "good Jew" remains a truly good Jew even though he may have defrauded the income tax authorities in Switzerland. He will certainly not do it here. His character will change as soon as he (or his money) takes out an Israeli passport.

The norms of behaviour by which he got rich in Switzerland, with or without the connivance of corrupt politicians there, will not operate in Israel. We assume, in fact, that the man has two characters — one as a tax evader in some other country,

and the other as an ardent supporter of Israel, a good and honest Jew, a dedicated Zionist, who needs only the little extra inducement (such as a massive tax exemption in Israel on the money which he unilaterally "exempted" from tax in Switzerland) to make him express his support in ringing coin.

We believe, or make ourselves believe, that on going into joint ventures with our own Israeli businessmen, the standards of conduct that will apply will be those which we preach in Israel and not those which made our foreign investor so successful. We assume that there will never, never be a conspiracy between the two to turn a "good honest profit" by dishonest means.

We ignore the fact that our own businessmen, from the overly poor greengrocer in Mahaneh Yehuda to Shuk Hacarmel to the wealthy industrialist or contractor, will notice that those whose black money has been shrouded by a Vaduz registry, may have the pictures in the papers in the company of Cabinet members and other notables, that they are sometimes advisors and counsellors and that they are all honourable men. We ignore the clear moral of the story: that it matters not how one got the money — but only that one got it.

We assume, in short, that fraud has a nationality. It has not.

## READERS' LETTERS

### LIBEL AND CONTEMPT LAWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As an old operator in the press arena — 60 years in British journalism, 40 in a national newspaper in Fleet Street — I am daring to venture an informed view on the Israeli media's handling of the Omer Affair.

In the words of Hugh (now Lord) Cudlipp, my ex-boss, in his book on the press, editors had the option of "publish and be damned" or they could have spiked the reporters' investigations and the public be damned.

If editors succumb to the pressure of uninformed public opinion and take the latter course, they could fall victims to wrongdoers who, fearing exposure, might resort to moral blackmail, by threatening the newspapers that, if they print their findings, the suspected culprits will commit suicide.

A person whose conduct has been

called into question could risk proceeding with a libel action if he has the courage; but he would be liable to exposure. If a police prosecution had been started, the editors could be sued for contempt of court.

Some years ago, my colleague, Sylvester Bolan, then editor of the London Daily Mirror, was sent to prison because his staff, for whom, by law, he had to take the blame, had printed details of the notorious acid bath murder case, which was then still subjudice. By anticipating evidence, the judge held that the paper was in contempt, although the published facts were found correct.

It must be obvious that Israel's laws on libel and contempt need drastic revision. This should not interfere with the freedom of the press.

SIMON CLYNE  
Tel Aviv.

### A REFORM JEW'S VIEWPOINT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a Reform Jew who settled here 16 years ago (coming from the U.S.), I fail to understand all this hullabaloo by Reform and Conservative rabbis about their "rights" in Israel.

So far, nobody here has forced me to observe Orthodox laws. True, when my children were married, we had to go to an Orthodox rabbi. But — so what? He is a Jew just like I am

a Jew, and the only "sacrifice" I had to make was to put on a skull-cap. Unless they are really bent on making trouble, the Reform and Conservative rabbinical organisations should do one of two things: either accept the established Israeli manner of handling religious affairs, or, if that's too difficult, remain where they are and officiate as they wish in their home countries.

RICHARD OBERDOERFER  
Ramat Gan.

### PULL-BACK FROM WEST BANK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to your report on the Labour party debate concerning its platform on an eventual pull-back from the West Bank (January 16), I would like to clarify my position which is as follows:

1. Israel's readiness for territorial concessions in the West Bank is a peace agreement must be explicitly recorded in the Allignment platform.

2. Mr. Allon's proposal for territorial concessions under an interim agreement short of peace should not be excluded even if it cannot be specifically endorsed in the platform.

ABRAHAM M.K.  
Heraliya.

### PARLIAMENTARY TRICK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — After 24 years of the NRP, who engineered the voting by those Knesset members who favoured the compulsory arbitration bills, claims that the result was "a smashing victory any way you look at it." (December 30). The way I look at it, when Mr. Hahn jubilantly revealed to the press how he engineered the voting, it turned into a smashing defeat for the NRP's chances for gains in the coming elections, and for the chances for gains of the other opposition parties who convived with him.

According to the "Victors" themselves, if all the members opposed to the bills had arrived in time to vote, the bills would have been defeated. The wishes of the majority of the people, represented by their democratically elected members of the Knesset, were frustrated by a low parliamentary trick. While I am on the side of those who are hoping that a better government will rise from the ashes of the present one, I wonder sadly what chance we have when the opposition which intends to present us with superior choices, jubilantly and boastfully uses sneaky technical plays for the purpose of frustrating the will of the people. Is that the kind of choice they are offering us?

HOWARD BLAKE  
Jerusalem.

### ARTICLES ON ARCHAEOLOGY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I add my thanks to those of the Rev. John Leses (December 9) for your articles on archaeology.

Each year I give a series of illustrated lectures on the Land of Israel at our local College of Further Education. About a third of the class are Jewish, and Jews and Christians alike greatly appreciate the sections on archaeology and the "stop press" items which your paper enables me to give.

MAURICE THOMPSON  
Barnet Herts., England

## Dry Bones



## POSTSCRIPTS

ONE OF THE most difficult tasks for those of us who work at the editorial desk is to explain, politely and plausibly, why mistakes slip into the newspaper. Sometimes we think we deserve a special allowance when we manage to extricate ourselves tactfully from the particularly sensitive subject of incorrect personal data.

We confess that we are unable to explain the mistake in a caption to a photograph that appeared on Page 2 of our issue of January 2. The picture was of the award ceremony at Tel Aviv University when 100 postgraduate students received their Ph.D. degrees. The caption referred to 88 year old Pinchas Aharon who had received his doctorate for a thesis on "Sources to the Question of Israel's Borders in Rabbinical Literature".

We have now received a letter from the new Doctor of Philosophy, pointing out that his surname is Neuman, and not Aharon. (As his letter was written and signed in Hebrew, we looked him up in the telephone directory in order to be able to spell his correct name correctly in English.) Dr. Pinchas Neuman is seen receiving his diploma in the accompanying photograph. We can only offer him our most sincere apologies and our best wishes for many more years of fruitful academic endeavour.



Dr. Neuman gets his degree

to the organization. It has lately come under scrutiny by the U.S. Department of Justice, following charges that the Korean Central Intelligence Agency is involved and that there are suspicious dealings in its real estate and fund-raising procedures.

Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum of the American Jewish Committee said that the movement smacks of the early period of Nazism and "is pouring into the American blood-stream pernicious anti-Jewish and anti-Christian teachings." Rabbi James Rudin, also of the A.J.C., said that a study of Moon's 536 page "Divine Principle" revealed 123 references that gave a "demonic picture" of Jews, both ancient and modern.

The Christian and Jewish leaders appealed to Americans not to be misled by Moon's appeals to patriotism and unity.

PHOSPHATES may be good for crops but they have an unsettling effect on a small Pacific paradise called Nauru. Actually, the mineral deposits were very good for Nauru until recently, giving the island's 6500 population a per capita earnings ratio almost equal to that of Middle East oil states. But now there has

been a political upheaval.

Nauru lies almost on the Equator, nearly 2000 miles west of the Fiji Islands. Its President, Hammer de Robert, had been in office since 1968 and no one thought of opposing his father-figure. But lately the wealth brought in by what is now known to be one of the world's richest phosphate deposits began to create bitterness among the local traders and shopkeepers. Many of these younger men and at the elections last month, one of the grocers, Bernard Doviogio, formed a new party which managed to bring down the government by a non-confidence vote of nine to seven.

Ons reports that Doviogio must be one of the most reluctant leaders of a coup d'etat ever to be thrust into power.

Young men and new lists, take note.

THE TROUBLES in Ireland are now leading to "financial killings" — not political assassinations for pay, but the lucrative profits resulting from cattle-smuggling. Most police don't dare go to the border areas between Ulster and Eire, so there is little fear of detection.

The southward exodus of Ulster-born cattle started, an O'ne story says, with the mid-October decision of the Dublin government to devalue their "green" pound (agricultural business between the Common Market countries is paid for on the basis of a special "green" EEC unit). At the same time the EEC used its "monetary compensatory amount" device to offset the Irish devaluation. As a result a cattle-dealer makes a bigger profit if he exports beef from the Republic of Ireland than from Ulster.

"It's that bloody complicated, it'd put grey hairs on your head," a South Armagh farmer said in true Irish idiom. But to compensate for his grey hairs, he had a Mercedes and a Ford Capri standing outside his huge modern bungalow.

### DIRTY TOILETS AT BUS STATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Why is it that the Central Bus Station in Tel Aviv, Israel's biggest Egged station, and many other bus stations all over Israel have such disgusting toilet facilities — lavatory seats covered in filth, never a sheet of toilet paper to be found, and an overpowering smell which forces one to rush out before even daring to approach the seat?

If Jerusalem, Haifa, Tiberias and a couple of others can make the simple arrangement of demanding a few agorot from the user in return for toilet paper and facilities that are regularly cleaned and pleasant to enter, why can't this be done in every main station?

Perhaps Israelis are resigned to this state of affairs, but tourists can often be heard complaining. After all, they need to use these toilets very often when travelling around the country. It seems ridiculous that, when millions of pounds are spent on making the tourist's stay more enjoyable, such an easily organized, inexpensive public service is simply ignored.

HILARY WORMS  
Jerusalem.

### EGGED REPLIES:

We regret that your correspondent encountered poor sanitary conditions at the Tel Aviv Central Bus

Station. However, it is the Tel Aviv Municipality which is responsible for its cleanliness. The bus stations you correspondent found satisfactory are serviced by Egged.

Moreover, we wish to point out that the poor sanitary conditions at the Central Bus Station are also the responsibility of the large crowds of passengers who use it facilities at central bus stations.

### THE TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY REPLIES:

We have recently increased cleaning services at the Central Bus Station, in particular in the toilets. These are cleaned 24 hours a day, three shifts of workers and a special night shift. The 17 cubicles at the Central Bus Station are cleaned every quarter of an hour.

There are automatic toilet-paper dispensers which function upon a section of 30-agorot pieces, so there is no reason to complain about lack of toilet paper.

The Municipality admits that the present bus station, which was built in the thirties, is totally inadequate for the hundreds of thousands of passengers who use it. The result is that the station is overcrowded, but not eliminated.

Y. YAGOD  
Assistant to the Deputy Mayor  
Tel Aviv.

### THE CASE OF IR OVOT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — According to your article, "Messianist in the desert" (December 11) David Nachman of the Jewish Agency said "They just came and sat." In fact, we did so after refusal of all formal requests by our group for Jewish Agency assistance to integrate into any existing settlement or outpost.

Even more important, after we settled in the Arava, Dr. Ra'anana Weiss, the Director of the Settlement Division of the Jewish Agency, formally promised to recognize Ovot and develop it into a settlement in accordance with Government needs in the Arava. This promise, was made eight and a half years ago and is confirmed by a formal affidavit to the Supreme Court executed by General Yeshiah Gavish. This

promise has never been fulfilled. Yechiel Admoni of the Jewish Agency comments: "...we're prepared to invest that kind money and then discover that they can get only 10 families to join." We have had at least 50 to 60 families who came to build with us, but in were unable to endure the primitive conditions of existence. For this place the blame squarely on Jewish Agency. Moreover, Mr. Admoni has in his possession a veritable list of 50 families who are in country and ready to join us. In addition, Mr. Admoni's statement "Pearlmutter refused to cooperate with the Agency's demand to change the applicants' suitability" is correct.

SIMHA PEARLMUTTER  
Ir Ovot.

### TV COMMERCIALS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your December 28 editorial on TV commercials was really a bloop. All the rationalization can't cover up the sophistry and narrow, partisan self-interest reeking from it.

Item 1: "There is nothing more repellent than compulsory viewing." Come off it, anyone can turn off his TV. Having one channel off, and government controlled at that, is far more repellent than any TV commercial I've ever seen.

Item 2: "An organ of information can remain free and unfettered only as long as it covers its own expenses."

How about all the newspapers here financed by political parties? Why

aren't you editorializing against them?

Item 3: "Salesmanship can anti-social."

I haven't noticed you or any else refusing ads from banks, insurance companies, travel agents, and all the other "service industries" the government is trying to discourage.

Item 4: "As to revenue, it should be no objection to sponsor programmes. It is a form (discreet) advertising."

How about having your column "sponsored"? Think you could ATA or Bank Leumi to go along with that? Why don't you try before offer that alternative to television?

MRS. HASKEL TIT  
Ramat Gan.

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Dog owners are reminded that they are legally bound to have their dogs inoculated against rabies every year.

- All dogs aged three months and over must be inoculated.
- Inoculations are effective for 12 months, and there is need for booster inoculations during the 12-month period unless the dog is less than one year old.
- Responsibility for giving the inoculations lies with the veterinarians of municipalities and local councils.

Inoculation does not exempt dog owners from keeping the dogs on a leash in public places. Dogs found wandering loose will be regarded as suspect, and will be dealt with as directed by the law.

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In the interest of all concerned, we repeat that our company is NOT connected in any way with any oil exploration project being executed in the country.

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